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NEW TECHNOLOGIES TO FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made to determine the percentage of farmers having access to new technologies including Seed, Fertilizer and Genetically Modified (GM) Technology;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the time by which such an assessment is likely to be made; and

(d) the details of farmers with different sizes of land holding?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c): The report no. 499 of National Sample Survey Organization, 2003 reveals as under:

"There were only three sources which were accessed by more than 10% farmer households; "other progressive farmers" (16.7%), "input dealers" (13.1%) and "radio" (13.0%). Television serves as a source of information on modern agricultural technology to 9.3% households and newspapers to 7.0%. Whereas, 5.7% households had received information from extension workers, 3.6% received information from primary cooperative societies. Output buyers/food processors, village fairs, government demonstrations, and credit agencies each served as a source of information to about 2% of farmer's house holds.The source wise details of percentage of farmer house holds accessing modern agricultural technology is given in Appendix-I.

(d): As per Agricultural Census, 2000-01, there are 11.99 crore land holdings with 159394258 hectares of area. The details of farm families with different size of land holdings is given in Appendix-II.